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ORGANIZE NAVAL SECTION OF PEOPLE'S POLICE

EAST GERMAN NAVAL POLICE EXPANDED -- Dagens Nyheter, No 179, 7 Jul 50

The East German government is at present feverishly engaged in organizing a naval section of the so-called people's police. Some time ago it was learned that a naval police administration had been set up under the direction of the Ministry of the Interior. No information on the incipient organization of the naval police has been made available. On the other hand, it has been reported that the new formation has as its function the protection of East German shipping and the supervision of traffic along the East German coast. From all indications it is the Soviets' intention to turn over the patrolling of this part of the Baltic Sea to the East German authorities.

A nucleus for the nascent East German naval police organization has existed for the past 6 months in that seagoing people's police have had the mission of preventing refugee traffic to Sweden and Denmark. The new naval police organization represents an expansion of the already existing organization. It is too early to tell how strong the East German naval police will be, but there are certain indications that it will be large.

It is known that the Soviets have already provided the East Germans with 12 torpedo boats taken over by the former from the remains of Hitler's fleet. They have received an additional number of minesweepers and motor torpedo boats. A program has been drawn up for the construction of 120 new vessels next year.

The new vessels are built as trawlers, with a length of 38.5 meters, a displacement of 400 tons gross, and a speed of 9 knots. They are so designed that they may be very easily armed and converted into naval patrol boats. The first order for 60 of these vessels has been placed with the people-owned shipyard at Stralsund. How soon this order may be filled depends on the delivery of engines -- at present there is a great shortage of suitable engines.

The training center for the naval police will be at Wustrow, in the vicinity of Rostock. During Nazi times, the best firing range for antiaircraft artillery was located there. Another training center will be at Greifswald, where, from all indications, the training of officers will take place.

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Available information indicates that the seagoing forces will be based at the ports of Wismar, Warnemunde, Rostock, and Stralsund. The fant units will be stationed at Zingst and Liepe, which were bases for the German motor torpedo boats during the war.

Recruiting for the naval police started only a few days ago. Detailed information on the scope of the personnel requirement is still lacking. First of all, an attempt was made to muster in personnel with previous naval service. A number of such men are said to be already available /i.e., lists were presumably drawn up/. Former naval personnel were as sought after as former Luftwaffe personnel.

The establishment of the naval police, of course, has been on Soviet order. The official report of the new branch of the police service followed on the heels of the Soviet declaration of the Baltic as a "closed" sea.

When the East German naval forces are completely organized it will be they with whom the Swedish Baltic fishermen will have to deal if they stray into "forbidden" waters. Possible Swedish protests to Moscow can then be readily brushed off with "those measures were taken by the East German government; speak to the authorities in Berlin."

This places Sweden in a diplomatic dilemma, as she has extended neither de facto nor de jure recognition to the East German government.

TO SET UP NAVAL POLICE ALONG BORDER -- Morgon Tidningen, No 160, 17 Jun 50

Berlin, 16 June -- The government of the Soviet Zone of Germany has decided to organize naval police along the border to safeguard the democratic accomplishments and the economic reconstruction of Soviet Zone Germany.

TO EXPAND PEOPLE'S POLICE -- Svenska Dagbladet, No 177, 5 Jul 50

Berlin, 4 July -- The Communist government of Eastern Germany will increase its people's police by about 15,000 men, bringing it up to a strength of nearly 100,000. The people's police will also be equipped with new weapons and will be motorized. The appropriation for the people's police, therefore, has been increased by nearly 50 percent.

PEOPLE'S POLICE LEARN TO OPERATE STREETCARS -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 158, 9 Jun 50

Recently, female members of the people's police have been seen operating streetcars on the Potsdam streetcar line while, on the other hand, streetcar drivers conducted the traffic.

URANIUM MINES PANACEA FOR POLITICAL ILLS -- Dagens Nyheter, No 163, 20 Jun 50

The Thueringen district of the Communist Youth Movement has published a list of the names of the 300 youths who visited the western sectors of Berlin during the Whitsuntide Rally. The list has been submitted to the Ministry of the Interior in Thueringen with the demand that the persons concerned be removed immediately from public office or service. Those ousted have been informed that they can rehabilitate themselves politically by a year's work in the uranium mines.

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